



King County

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23

Objectives / Policy Statement

King County has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. King County has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, King County has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of King County to ensure that DBEs, as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in USDOT assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The Manager of King County Business Development and Contract Compliance Section (BDCC) is the delegated DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, the BDCC Section Manager is responsible for developing guidelines and procedures to ensure that King County implements all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by King County in its financial assistance agreements with the USDOT.

The Director of King County Department of Transportation, Harold Taniguchi, has been designated signature authority to make assurances to the USDOT on behalf of King County.

King County will disseminate this policy statement to the King County Executive, the Metropolitan King County Council and all the components of our organization. King County has distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on USDOT-assisted contracts. This Policy statement will be sent to the standard department countywide distribution list. This includes the Executive Office, the King County Civil Rights Commission, and all departments within the County. It will also be distributed to both DBE and non-DBE businesses through outreach forums, and posting on the King County website to ensure the widest possible distribution.

Dow Constantine,
King County Executive

Date